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As a below named inventor, I hereby declare that my residence, post office address and citizenship are as stated below next to my name and I believe I am the original, first and sole inventor (if only one name is listed below) or an original, first and joint inventor (if plural names are listed below) of the subject matter which is claimed and for which a patent is sought on the invention entitled:

**"Methods and Kits for Detecting Target Nucleic Acids Using Modified Oligonucleotide Probes";**

the specification of which

**[X] is attached hereto.**

[ ] was filed on \_\_\_\_\_ as U.S. Application No. \_\_\_\_\_

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I hereby state that I have reviewed and understand the contents of the above identified specification, including the claims, as amended by any amendment referred to above. I acknowledge the duty to disclose all information known to me to be material to patentability as defined in 37 C.F.R. § 1.56. I hereby claim foreign priority benefits under 35 U.S.C. § 119/365 of any foreign application(s) for patent or inventor's certificate listed below and have also identified below any foreign application for patent or inventor's certificate filed by me or my assignee disclosing the subject matter claimed in this application and having a filing date (1) before that of the application on which priority is claimed, or (2) if no priority claimed, before the filing date of this application:

**PRIOR FOREIGN APPLICATION(S)**

Priority Claimed

Number	Country	Day/Month/Year Filed	Date first Laid Open or Published	Date Patented/Granted	Yes	No
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I hereby claim the benefit under 35 U.S.C. § 119/120/365 of any United States application(s) listed below and PCT International applications listed above or below and, if this is a Continuation-In-Part (CIP) insofar as the subject matter disclosed and claimed in this application is in addition to that disclosed in such prior applications, I acknowledge the duty to disclose all information known to me to be material to patentability as defined in 37 C.F.R. § 1.56 which became available between the filing date of the prior application and the national or PCT international filing date of this application:

**PRIOR U.S. PROVISIONAL, NON-PROVISIONAL AND/OR PCT APPLICATION(S)**

Priority Claimed

<u>60/021,818</u> Application Serial No.	<u>16 July 1996</u> Day/Month/Year Filed	<u>Abandoned</u> Status - patented, pending, abandoned	<u>X</u> Yes	<u>      </u> No
<u>08/893,300</u> Application Serial No.	<u>15 July 1997</u> Day/Month/Year Filed	<u>Pending</u> Status - patented, pending, abandoned	<u>X</u> Yes	<u>      </u> No

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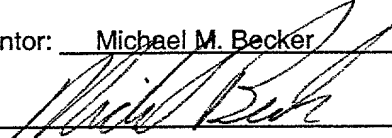
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